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1. MFA OFFICIALS HAVE OFFERED TWO EXPLANATIONS FOR THE EGYPTIAN DECISION TO PRESS FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE SC AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH EARLIER AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE HELD NEXT MONTH. FIRST, THEY BELIEVE THAT THE HARD LINE ADOPTED BY THE PLO AT THE CAIRO SESSION OF THE PNC HAS DETERMINED A LEAD WHICH ARAB GOVERNMENTS WILL FOLLOW. THUS, BY CALLING NOW FOR A SC DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS, EGYPT IS REASSERTING ITS POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN THE ARAB WORLD AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PNC.

2. ACCORDING TO THE ISRAELIS, A SECOND AND MORE
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TACTICAL REASON FOR THE CALL FOR THE SC DISCUSSION NOW IS THAT EGYPT WISHES TO HAVE IT PRIOR TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THE ISRAELIS REASON THAT, ASSUMING A SC CONSENSUS STATEMENT MORE FAVORABLE TO EGYPT THAN TO ISRAEL, SADAT WILL THEN BE ABLE TO POINT TO THE SC RESULTS AS SUPPORTIVE OF EGYPTIAN POSITIONS ON NEGOTIATION ISSUES.

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